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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-13 were allowable and that Claims 14-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 8,841,831 to Hanafi, et al.

In order to expedite prosecution of the allowed method claims, applicants have cancelled Claims 14-18 in this Response. Applicants note that the cancellation of Claims 14-18 is being performed without prejudice or disclaimer and, as such, applicants reserve their right to file a continuation (or divisional) application directed to the subject matter of Claims 14-18.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) has been obviated by canceling Claims 14-18; therefore reconsideration and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Thus, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is firmly believed that the present case is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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